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Sir:

In response to the pending Office Action, mailed May 21, 2003 (Paper No. 19), please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

- amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims in section a); and
- allowance is requested in view of the remarks set forth in section b).

Applicant believes that the present application is ready for examination on the merits. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.